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THE WOMAN'S SPHERE

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD OF THEATRES AND AMUSEMENT

POLPS

Continuous throngs will beseege Polps theatre today to get the opportunity of seeing Tom Brown's Highlanders, Norma Talmadge, Frank Debon and the other stellar attractions which are offered for the last today at the big theatre.

Seven people appearing in the "Highlanders" act, impel charm by their versatile performance on wined instruments and in dance and song. One of the most novel closing parts to any act is shown with the national airs of the various allied countries played in true military style.

Miss Talmadge in "The Secret of the Storm Country" charms in her romantic part, and thrill is given to the picture by a Lake Cayuga storm scene which is realistic. The photodramatic production bases its power upon the attraction between husband and mother-in-law.

Frank Debon, one of the cleverest comedians on the American stage, strictly bon-ton, does an artistically comic act alone, closing with a handsome woman who does her bit in dancing and mannerism.

One of the most marvelous of balancing acts, equalling in power of attraction any exhibition by the Japanese is performed periodically by the Three Willie Brothers.

Another specialty act, featuring acrobatic dancing is that given by Paul Brady, foremost exponent of head-springs. The Fenwick girls complete a well balanced program of vaudeville with their classic singing act introducing novelties in song and parody.

Polps latest animated news release shows a varied assortment of subjects including the French troops in action, and the method of barrage fire on the European battle-lines.

WOMEN WILL AID IN SELLING THE THRIFT STAMPS

Hartford, Dec. 28.—Women of Connecticut are being assigned an important part in the war thrift campaign which is now under way throughout the nation. Plans have been perfected whereby the Committee on Women's Activities of the Connecticut State Council of Defense will be assigned a considerable share of the task of selling \$25,000,000 worth of thrift stamps and war savings certificates in Connecticut before January 1, 1918.

It is proposed to interest the various women's organizations in every city, town and village in the state. Howell Cheney, state director of the war savings committee, is of the opinion that the efforts of the women will be to a large extent responsible for the ultimate success of the drive, and for that reason every effort will be made to secure the co-operation of every woman's organization in Connecticut. Mr. Cheney has already received offers from a number of prominent women throughout the state volunteering their services, and he is counting on thousands of women bearing their share of this important thrift work.

Pretty Turban With Draped Velvet Crown



This chic turban has a draped crown of black and gold panne velvet and a beautiful bird of paradise set smartly in front. A new style of cape of mink with deep collar also is shown.

Annual New Year Ball

New Year's night the annual ball will be held at the Colonial ballroom in Fairfield avenue, one of the big events of the season. New Year's evening the annual prize masquerade will be held with three prizes for the best costume worn by lady and gentleman, and the most grotesque costume. Murray's orchestra will furnish the music for both these big events, the usual big crowd is sure to be present, and the best time of the evening in the city may be expected. You are invited to attend with your friends.

STUFFED SURPRISE POTATOES

This is an excellent formula for using up a very small quantity of meat. Bake three potatoes; when done cut an opening in the end of each and scoop out the cooked pulp. Mash well, season with a little melted butter dripping or nut butter, and add two tablespoonfuls of finely minced onion, salt and paprika to taste and a little chopped parsley. Moisten with a little milk and beat with a fork until light and creamy. Fill into the shells, reheat in the oven and cut the piece of the skin back in place before serving.

PLAZA

Today's your last chance to see and hear Victor's Musical Melange at the Plaza and it's well worth any effort or time you expend. There are fourteen in the cast, each a gifted instrumental soloist and a woman furnishes the vocal numbers. Beatrice Nash, "The Famous Lady with the Baton," heads the cast and she certainly gets music out of them.

"Loyalty," the main screen attraction is another big reason why you'll enjoy yourself for it is one of the most intense dramatic productions of the season. Betty Brice, Jay Moreley and Murdock McQuarrie are starred in the piece which has to do with a good woman's efforts to break a man's thirst for drugs.

The Carrey Brothers have a unique dancing diversion that will surely please you while the efforts of Earl & Curly to make you laugh at their new skit, "Some Trip" should be appreciated.

Stanley Gallini & Co., in shadow-graph colorings and a two act Keystone comedy entitled, "A Grave Undertaking," complete the bill.

"Skinner's Baby" is the big attraction for tomorrow night.

HERE IS SOME LATE FASHION BULLETINS

Grace Margaret Gould, the fashion editor of the Woman's Home Companion, says in the January number, "Wool embroidery bands trim many of the new tailored dresses. They vary in width up to eight inches. The very narrow bands, however, are most favored and are often used to form an entire girdle. The wider bands quite frequently form the bottom of a straight apron tunic.

"The new serges are outdoing themselves in artistic effects. The very smartest are embroidered and show most effective borders worked in wool, silk or silk and metal threads.

"French knots in three shades of purple give a smart note to a satin and chiffon waist. Orchid purple satin is used for the waist, while string color chiffon forms a big turnover collar and vest front. Stimulating buttons on the vest are groups of French knots shading from deep purple to faint lavender in tone. The waist fastens underneath the French knots with snappers.

"A gray net dinner frock was made with a narrow under skirt of gray tulle, and the net in tulle style. With this was worn a claret chiffon velvet sash, the ends showing an embroidered design in grayish-green grapes.

"For something different, listen to this description of a new chemiselet. It's white satin with a high choker collar that buttons straight up the front with the gayest of colored buttons, cherry red, for instance. The choker has one end turned over at the top like a rever, and on this is embroidered in Roman floss a spray of tiny cherries.

PRINCESS IS FINED FOR HOARDING FOOD

Geneva, Dec. 29.—The Princess von Rede, wife of a chamberlain in the entourage of the king of Bavaria, has been condemned by a court at Vevey, to pay a fine of \$100 and costs for buying up and storing large quantities of food stuffs in her villa at Torrit, contrary to Swiss laws.

C. & V. RAILROAD GRANTS INCREASES TO MANY EMPLOYEES

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Wage increases of 13 1/2 per cent. and shorter hours have been granted telegraphers, station agents and townsmen of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, it was announced today. Two thousand men are affected.

WEATHER VS. WRINKLES

Cold weather will make wrinkles because it dries the natural oil necessary for feeding the tissues. So it is necessary to supply the deficiency without overnourishing the pores. Massage is excellent for this. Warm the face morning and night with warm water and dry gently. Then apply the following lotion with moist finger tips, beginning at the middle of the cheeks with a rotary motion that gradually increases in arc. Make the upward stroke stronger than the downward so muscles will not sag. One ounce of benzoated oxide of zinc ointment is mingled with two drams of strong spirits of camphor.

ABANDON EFFORTS TO FLOAT STEAMER

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 29.—The shift of the wind into the south and east today resulted in the abandonment of efforts to salvage the American steamer ashore at Penant. Yesterday afternoon high seas commenced to roll in Gallant Inlet and all hands left the steamer in breeches buoys. Almost a thousand tons of cargo had been removed from the ship and the work of sealing up the damage to her bow was proceeding favorably when the wind changed. Should the storm increase in violence, it was feared today that the steamer would not be in going to pieces.

The offer of fur dealers of \$5 for skunk fur will make the life of Black Pusycat very hazardous.

Lady Arthur Paget a Good War Worker



Among the most assiduous of Britain's women war workers is Lady Arthur Paget, who was Mary Stevens of New York. Her husband is commander in chief of the home defense troops in England.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Saving tablecloths.—When hanging out tablecloths if the hems are folded together and they are pinned on the line instead of the body of the cloth, there is less danger of their getting whipped out by the wind; also, less work on ironing day, as they hang straight and are not pulled out of shape. To prevent the salvage from curling up after washing the sheets, put the cloth through the wringer, salvage first.

To keep garbage odorless.—All odors and flies that usually accompany the garbage can may be entirely eliminated if after each meal the scraps are all gathered and wrapped in newspapers before being placed in the can. In this way the garbage may be kept absolutely clean and odorless, even in the warmest weather.

STOUT WOMEN SHOULD WEAR WAISTCOATS

The fashion editor says in the January Woman's Home Companion:

"For the older, stouter woman who finds suddenly that her favorite dress has grown too tight, I suggest trying the waistcoat idea. Cut away the front of the waist and add new side front sections cut away at the waist, allowing a deep pointed waistcoat to extend down over the skirt. This gives the extra room in the waist and the long lines a stout figure must have. A panel of new material will give more width to the skirt. Deep cuffs and a fancy belt can be added of material the same as the vest. A chemiselet could be remodeled in this way, making the side front sections, waistcoat, cuffs, belt and skirt panel of crepe de chine, or a serge dress might have the panel as well as trimmings of satin."

THE BOTTLED-UP CHILD.

Some time ago a mother brought her six-year-old daughter. She herself was in a despairing mood; she declared her child to be so restless, so irritable, so nervously excitable, and so rebellious that she was beyond her control. Examination of the child supported all the mother's statements; living with the girl must have been almost intolerable.

"And I don't see how Rosemary ever got into this state—when she used to be so happy," sighed the mother. "Heaven knows, I've tried to be so careful with her."

That remark gave me a clue. I asked questions, and the answer led back to a day when a friend of the mother had called—a very much admired friend, who had very positive opinions, and who had no hesitations in uttering them positively. During the visit this friend had expressed herself as follows:

"What! You mean to say you let Rosemary go into the street and the park on roller skates? I would not think of such a thing for any child, certainly not for my children. Skates are most dangerous! Why, only a little while ago I heard of a terrible accident. A little girl of six, just Rosemary's age, tried to cross the street on her skates, and a big touring-car came along—" The story need hardly be finished, except that the visitor, in telling it, admitted that the little girl was most undisciplined, and was nominally in charge of an ignorant and careless nurse-maid.

Rosemary's mother went on to say that, influenced by the warning of her friend, she had taken Rosemary's skates away from her, and had adopted other measures to guard the child against accidents. The source of the trouble with Rosemary was at once obvious: the friend-advised mother, in removing all chances of accidents, had removed all chances of activity—and activity was exactly what the spirited Rosemary required to keep her in a condition of mental and nervous balance. My advice was as obvious as the cause of the child's disturbance: that the skates should be restored, as well as her other active pleasures, under adequate precautions.—Miriam Finn Scott in Good Housekeeping.

FUNERAL BOUQUET AND DESIGNS JOHN RECK & SON

WHEELER TELLS WOMEN OF FOOD CONSERVATION

Local Food Administrator Wants Educational Campaign

BREWSTER GREEN GETS COMMISSION

Hoyt-Riker Wedding to Be Held at "By-the-Way" Tomorrow

PERRYRIKER WEDDING.

A wedding of interest will be place tomorrow at St. Paul's Episcopal church when Miss Charlotte Riker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Riker of this town, will become the bride of Lieutenant Hoyt O. Perry, son of Judge and Mrs. John H. Perry of Southport. The Rev. Allen E. Beeman will perform the ceremony after which a reception will be held at "By-the-Way," the home of Miss Riker's parents, Mrs. Bertram W. Ainsworth of Cleveland, formerly Miss Edith W. Riker, will be her sister's matron of honor, and the bridesmaids will be Miss Alice Curtis, Miss Louise Atwater of Bridgeport, Miss Frances Riker and Miss Charlotte Stone of New York city. Lieutenant Perry will be attended by his brother, J. Walter Perry, of Southport, and their shers will be Lieutenant Bertram W. Ainsworth, Lawrence Riker, Lieutenant Joel Goldthwait, Lieutenant Jose Maachado, Lieutenant George Wells and Lieutenant Robert Lee.

The wedding will be military, like that of her sister and husband, Lieutenant and Mrs. Ainsworth, last September. Miss Riker was a student at Miss Bennett's school two years ago and later made her debut in New York.

The Red Cross Home service is now taking care of 65 local families, dependents of soldiers, who are at the front. The office of the service, in the First Bridgeport National bank building, is being besieged daily, by persons who are seeking assistance. All of these will be taken care of in their proper order, and according to their various conditions.

The difference between the state and government allowance, which at the present time is causing much inquiry, can best be explained by the following example: If the state allowance was \$20 and the government allowance \$15 the state will pay the additional \$5 which will bring the total amount of the allowance up to \$20.

Saturday, Jan. 19, has been designated as last day when subscriptions will be collected for the relief of Italian war sufferers. On Sunday, Jan. 13, Mrs. S. Z. Poll, of New Haven, will address the Italians of this city, in Pol's theatre, at 10 o'clock in the morning at which time she will tell them just what is expected of them in the first Bridgeport National bank building, which raised \$5,000 on tag day recently.

M. E. Brewster Greene, president of the Hampshire company, of Fairfield, has received a commission as lieutenant colonel in the aviation corps of the National army. He will be in charge of the mechanical department. Mr. Brewster Greene is well known in Bridgeport, having been connected with the Locomobile Company of America, and having served as secretary of the Manufacturers' association. The newly commissioned lieutenant-colonel is a graduate of Columbia college, where he qualified as a mechanical expert.

"The householder must be made to appreciate that he—or she—as well as the commission merchant or the retail dealer, is charged with strict obedience to the regulations of the United States food administration," said D. Fairchild Wheeler, assistant federal food administrator, of this city, commenting upon the effect that the activities of the food board, is having upon the shortage of various staples. Mr. Wheeler believes that the transgressions of the persons who buy up sugar, flour, or other commodities in amounts far beyond those needed for their immediate use, are made, not as a willful violation of the wishes and demands of the food administration, but because of thoughtlessness, and ignorance of the law.

Mr. Wheeler believes in a campaign of education, but is also of the mind that the time for merely frowning upon violations of the law is passing, and the time for action against food hoarders is fast arriving. He stated that he must, in fulfilling the duties of his office, bring to task any person whose violations were supported by direct evidence.

The Meunsterberg lodge, No. 57, I. O. O. F., at its last meeting, Thursday, Dec. 27, elected the following officers for the next term: Noble Grand—Gustav Wehr. Vice Grand—William Saska. Recording Secretary—Henry Kohlmanberger. Financial Secretary—George Lauer. Treasurer—Anton Postlitz.

Tomorrow evening a special musical program will be rendered by the choir consisting of the following Christmas carols and songs of praise: Prelude—"Holy Night"; Buck. Christmas hymn—"Hark! What Music Fills the Sky"; Wigglesworth. Carol—"Immanuel".

Bass solo—"The Cradle of the Christ". Carol—"What Child is This?" Song of Praise—"Messiah at Thy Glad Approach"; Bruce.

Solo—"Jesus, Fount of Life"; Bridge.

Carol—"Noel." Contralto solo—"A Babe Lies in a Manger"; Currier-Liddle. Response—"Holy Night"; Gruber. Postlude—"The Shepherds in the Field"; Mallings.

Dr. William Horace Day will speak on "Relentless Love" at the morning service of the United church tomorrow. In this sermon he will discuss the message of Francis Thompson's "Hound of Heaven" and of George Matheson's "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go," a message particularly pertinent in view of the spiritual struggle of the modern man "to see his way and keep his soul alive in this terrific generation." "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" has been the United church memory hymn for December, and this will be sung as part of the morning service.

PERSONALS

Miss Marguerite Scott was called home from a dinner engagement last evening to find a group of friends assembled at her home, 182 Norman street, for a personal shower. Miss Scott, enters the Bridgeport hospital on January 1 to train.

Music and dancing occupied the guests until a late hour when Mrs. Scott served a delightful buffet luncheon at a table which was beautifully decorated with great sheafs of golden chrysanthemums.

Among those present were Miss Kitty Whelan, Miss Irene Daley, Miss Gertrude Hope, Miss Lonnie Finlayson, Miss Elizabeth Graham, Miss Elsie Stuart, Miss Evelyn Maher, Miss Theresa Fenton, Miss Mabel Cliff, Miss Irene Carroll, Miss Margaret Carroll, Miss Nathalie Devlin, Miss Kitty Devlin, Miss Helen Beach, Miss Vera Calahan, Miss Helen Whelan, Miss May Doyle, Mrs. Fred Carlson, Mrs. E. M. Hope and Mrs. T. S. Scott.

Roy Bowers of 84 Roosevelt street spent the Christmas holiday visiting his parents in Northville.

Frederick Gunster, the tenor singer who has won great distinction in concert work in New York and other large cities, will be the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Harrington at their home in Grover avenue, Black Rock. Mr. Gunster comes up especially to sing at the benefit which Mrs. Kenneth Wythe McNeil is arranging for the Red Cross, to be given Sunday afternoon at Pol's theatre.

Mrs. Elmer Beardsley is at her home, 473 State street, after spending Christmas with friends in Stamford and New York.

Members of the Junior Y. M. C. A. and the many friends of Walter S. Pitt will be grieved to learn that he has been removed to the Bridgeport hospital for treatment of an old injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Sherman and their son, Charles Sherman, Jr., of 356 Gregory street, are spending the week with Mrs. Sherman's mother, Mrs. Carr S. Lyon, at her home in Northville.

Officer Charles P. Planz and his family have been entertaining Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Peelin, of New Milford, over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Jackson, of New Milford, entertained over Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Clayton P. Stevens and their family of 1647 North avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. David C. Sanford, of this city, have returned to their home after spending Christmas with A. H. McMahon at his home in New Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Tiemann, Jr., of 148 Parrott avenue, accompanied by other members of their family attended a Christmas party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Beers at their home in Newtown. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook Mitchell of Meriden, Mr. and Mrs. Levi C. Morris and Serst. Phillip Morris and Mrs. Morris.

Of interest to many Bridgeport people comes the announcement of the engagement of Miss Elizabeth Mary Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Long of Southington, to Joseph Chas. Donahue of this city. Mr. Donahue is connected with the advertising department of Warner Brothers' factory.

Frank E. Benedict has returned to his home in this city after spending Christmas with his parents in Northville.

Miss Constance B. Hatheway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Hatheway, of 800 Clinton avenue, is spending the week-end in New York, the guest of Mrs. E. L. Matthews and her daughter, Miss Hannah Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Johnson of Laurel avenue have issued cards announcing the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mathilda. Alberta Johnson to DeWitt Converse Ramsey of Boston, Mass. No date has been announced for the marriage.

Beginning next week it has been decided to have a regular instructor at Seaside Institute as a sort of boon for those who would like to knit for the soldiers but who are inexperienced or who do not know how to knit. The instructors for the time being will be as follows: Monday, Mrs. R. J. MacKenzie; Tuesday, Mrs. L. B. Poote; Wednesday, Mrs. M. Neill; Thursday, Mrs. A. T. Whitcomb; Friday, Miss Chas. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Richards of 724 North avenue, have issued cards announcing the engagement of their daughter Miss Jessie May Richards to Frederick W. Betts of New Haven. No date has yet been set for the wedding.

Miss Esther Kilbride, who is at St. Vincent's Hospital, passed

Reliable Recipes

PUMPKIN CUSTARD

Boil pumpkins well, pour them through a colander and drain off the water, then press through colander or fruit press. Then take three tablespoonfuls of pumpkin, one and a half tablespoonfuls of flour, half pint of milk, three tablespoonfuls of sugar, the yolk of one egg and nutmeg to flavor. Mix all well together, add the white of one egg well beaten and bake with bottom crust.

LEMON CHEESE CAKES

Make a rich short crust and roll out thin and line patty pans; then use this filling—one-half pound of sugar, two ounces butter, two eggs, rind and juice of one lemon. Put sugar, butter and eggs into a saucepan; then add rind of lemon, grated; also the juice. Stir over fire until it begins to boil. When cool, fill patty pans, and bake 15 or 20 minutes. This mixture will keep a long time in a closed jar.

AN APPETIZING DISH

One pound hamburger steak, two onions, one can tomato soup. Fry onions good and brown and when nearly done, put steak in and cook together. Heat tomato soup with same amount of water; thicken with a little flour, also season well. After steak and onions are done, place on a large platter; then put tomato soup all over it and serve hot.

FRYING CHICKEN

Steam a fowl for three or four hours, or until fowl is tender. Then put in oven until brown (about one-half hour). You will have a nice roast chicken as you could wish, no matter how tough the fowl was to begin with. Cut up fowl, steam until tender and then fry in usual way. Meat steamed before roasting is also very nice. You are sure to have a nice tender roast.

ROASTED RABBIT

After removing the liver, heart and kidneys, soak in salt water for eight or ten hours; be sure to remove the kidneys and throw them away. Fill the paunch with bread, egg and parsley stuffing. Sew up tight and place in your steamer. Sprinkle with flour and small lumps of butter, salt and pepper, adding water in your pan as you would for duck, etc. Bake. Serve with plenty of currant jelly, or, if you want to economize, use cherry or any red jelly, which can be purchased for nine ten cents a package.

From Fashion Shops

Simplicity is a natural result of Paris wartime activities, and one finds this influence becoming a growing factor in the mode. Take capes as an instance, for not only does one wrap in them at Biarritz, but also in Paris. The Princess Faugney-Lucigne wears a long cape—Premet made it—of light brown velours de laine bordered all about with castor and collar with the same light brown fur. This collar is draped so as to frame the face prettily below the light brown cloche. Cloche and cape together are very quaint, says the Paris correspondent of Harper's Bazar.

How slow winter seems in passing when there are spring-like hats in the shops! Adorable they are, and new and smart and becoming with Georgette crepe and falls silk predominant and the shopper is divided between the desire to spend—say \$15.50—for one of them, and the impulse to secure a bargain in the winter hats now reduced to tiny prices and which can be worn for months to come.

Brown also is the newest tailleur designed by Madame Renee of Paris, who designs a new frock every day just to please her clients. Of velvet is this frock—velvet almost invisibly corded and trimmed with castor. The coat is straight and the skirt is very narrow. Along gilet of soft beige silk matelassee lends an indescribable richness to this simple frock, which is one of the prettiest in Paris. The front of the gilet only is made of the silk of matelassee, the back, which extends only to the waist-line, being fashioned of beige mousseline de soie. The narrow belt is made of beige matelassee and the sleeves are of mousseline.

Christmas day as the guest of her Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hine at their home in New Milford.

When the kids don't like their Christmas gifts they tell you so to your face. When the grown-ups are not satisfied, they make fun of them Christmas holiday with his parents, to other people.

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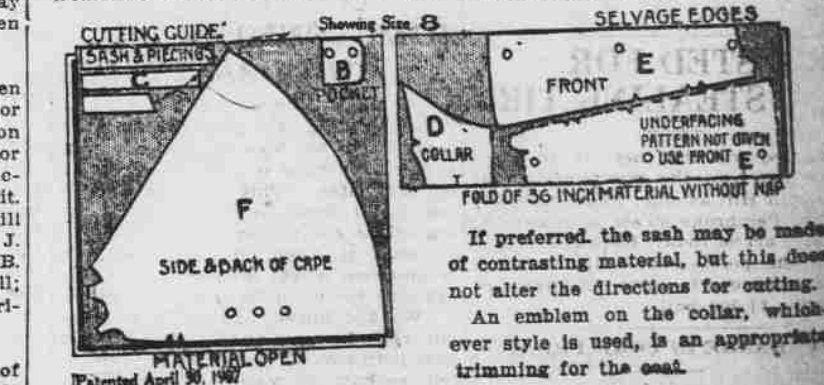
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It May Be Made Either a Cape or a Coat.

Style for juniors, either of which may be made as an embroidered military ensemble in the corners.

Style for juniors are convertible as well as those for grown-ups. This attractive overgarment may be made up in the form of a cape or a coat, in military style. Serge, cheviot, gabardine or tweed may be used in the development of the design which requires, for eight-year size, 2 1/2 yards 54-inch material. If preferred, a standing collar with a military ornament may replace the large square collar. There are openings at the sides of the cape through which the arms may be slipped. A straight sash, attached to opening at the sides, is crossed under the cape at back and tied in front.

Because of the width of the side and back of the cape, the pattern of the pattern will have to be placed on at open width of material. Two width right sides facing, are laid out on the cutting table, then the pattern placed on the goods just as shown in the guide. To the upper left of section "F" is room for the sash and plaings, while the pocket is placed to the right, with large "O" perforation on a lengthwise thread of material. The goods remaining is now folded in half, after which the collar is laid on the lengthwise fold. The under facing should be cut the same as the front, which is laid on a lengthwise thread of the fabric.



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